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RE: January 10, 2006

Informal Conference

Case Nos. 2003-00252 and 2005-00228

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a memorandum that has been filed in the record of the above—referenced cases. Any comments regarding the contents of the memorandum should be submitted to the Commission within seven days of receipt of this letter. Any questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to Mr. Jeff Shaw of the Commission Staff at 502-564-3940, Extension 237.

Sincerely

Beth O'Donnell
Executive Director

CC: Parties of Record

Attachment



### INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDUM

### KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**TO:** Main Case File - Case Nos. 2003-00252 and 2005-00228

FROM: AJeff Shaw, Division of Financial Analysis

**DATE:** January 12, 2006

SUBJECT: January 10, 2006 Informal Conference

An informal conference held January 10, 2006 at the Commission's offices was attended by representatives of The Union Light, Heat and Power Company ("ULH&P"), the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky ("AG"), and Commission Staff ("Staff"). A representative of Kroger Co. participated in the conference via telephone. An attendance list for the conference and a copy of the handout provide by ULH&P are attached hereto. The purpose of the conference was to discuss the following issues:

1. The timing of ULH&P's next general electric rate case.

- 2. Given changes in electric markets, the need for a back-up power supply contract.
- 3. The effective closing date for ULH&P's asset transfer transaction Jan. 1, 2006.
- 4. ULH&P's request for deviations from the Commission's affiliate pricing rules.
- 5. Reporting requirements pursuant to the Commission's merger approval order.

First, ULH&P explained that, after considering a possible delay in filing its next rate case, it had decided to follow the decision set out in Case No. 2003-00252, which requires it to file its next rate case so that, after suspension, its proposed rates would be effective January 1, 2007. Second, ULH&P explained that, due to changes in FERC's code of conduct rules and the start of MISO's Day 2 market, (1) it could not implement its originally proposed back-up power supply contract with its parent, CG&E, whose generation is deregulated but (2) it believed MISO's energy market could adequately provide back-up power during times when its units were out of service. However, ULH&P noted that it could not say at what price back-up power from MISO would be available. Given that ULH&P has a retail electric rate freeze in effect until January 1, 2007, it was understood that the lack of a back-up power supply contract posed no harm to ratepayers in the near future. However, Staff recommended that ULH&P look into other potential back-up power arrangements and conduct further discussion with Staff on this issue.

Third, ULH&P stated that, based on is January 1, 2006 closing date, it would be filing with the Commission in the near future, various transaction documents as required by the Commission's interim and final orders in Case No. 2003-00252. Fourth, ULH&P explained that it believed its proposed transactions with CG&E for items such as coal, lime and inventory parts complied with the Commission's affiliate pricing rules, but that it had requested deviations from those rules in the event the Commission determined that the transactions did not comply with its affiliate pricing rules.

Fifth, ULH&P and Staff discussed possible alternative FERC and SEC reports that ULH&P could file with the Commission, in lieu of SEC reports previously filed, that would still satisfy the reporting requirements ordered by the Commission in the recent merger docket, Case No. 2005-00228.

The conference was adjourned with the understanding that ULH&P would provide the AG and Staff with copies of specific information filed in FERC's PUHCA reform docket, which might identify possible alternative FERC and SEC reports that could be filed with the Commission. It was also understood that another conference would be scheduled to further discuss the issues of (1) reports that might satisfy the merger-related reporting requirements that had been approved by the Commission and (2) a possible future back-up power supply contract.

Attachment

### KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ATTENDEES – INFORMAL CONFERENCE OF JANUARY 10, 2006 THE UNION LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY – CASE NOS. 2003-00252 & 2005-00228

NAME	WITH
Jeff Shaw	PSC - FIN. ANALYSIS
ISAAC SCOTT	PJC-FINANCIAL ANALYSIS
anita mitchell	BBC
Betsy Blackfores	JA-E
JACK STEFFEN	ULHTP
DOUG ESAMANN	ULH:P
GREG FICKE	ULH#P
JOHN FINNIGAN	ULHSP
Kate Moriarty	ULHTP
Mike Kurtz	Rocoggo Attended telephonically

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The Union Light, Heat and Power Company

Informal Conference January 10, 2006

## **CINIERGY**

### **Topics**

Next Electric Base Rate Case - 1/1/07

Back-up Supply Contract

Plant Transfer Closing Date: January 1, 2006 

## **CINERGY**®

# Next Electric Base Rate Case

# Back-up Supply Contract

### CINERGY.

## Back-up Supply Contract **Original Terms**

Term: through 12/31/2009 

EB - \$359,729/mo.; MF6 - \$61,866/mo. Capacity Charge:

avg. variable operating costs per MWh for prior month **Energy Charge:** 

Contemplates Full Communication between CG&E and ULH&P on Planned and Unplanned Outages 

### **GINIERGY**

# **Changed Conditions**

- Availability of MISO Day 2 Markets
- Separation of Reg. vs. Non-reg Operations
- Re-Pricing due to Congestion Costs from MISO Day 2
- Two-Year Delay for SEC Approval

# Plant Transfer Closing Date:

January 1, 2006

